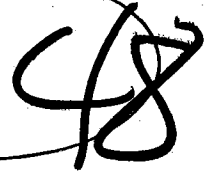


26. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
ISSA OF CALIFORNIA, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 30 MINUTES:



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2601, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 217. PASSPORT SECURITY ENHANCEMENT.**

2 (a) **REPORT ON DOCUMENTS RELATED TO PASSPORT**
3 **ISSUANCE.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
7 gressional committees a report that describes exist-
8 ing security weaknesses of identification documents,
9 including birth certificates, required for the issuance
10 of a passport, and that includes, in accordance with
11 paragraph (3), recommended criteria for birth cer-
12 tificates that will be acceptable to establish valid
13 proof of identity and national origin of individuals
14 for the issuance of passports to such individuals.

15 (2) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall con-
16 sult with appropriate officials of States and cities
17 identified as vital registration jurisdictions in the
18 preparation of such criteria.

19 (3) **ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA.**—The criteria re-
20 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include the estab-



1 lishment of minimum acceptance criteria for identi-
2 fication documents issued by such jurisdictions, in-
3 cluding criteria related to—

4 (A) vital records security and procedures;

5 (B) security paper and printing for birth
6 certificates;

7 (C) customer identification requirements;

8 (D) issuance of birth certificates, including
9 duplicates;

10 (E) controlling access to birth certificate
11 records to prevent identity fraud;

12 (F) data element definitions to facilitate
13 electronic exchange of birth and death registra-
14 tion information with the Department of State
15 for purposes of issuing passports; and

16 (G) routine matching of all birth and death
17 records.

18 (b) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND ESTABLISH-
19 MENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PASSPORT ACCEPT-
20 ANCE AGENTS.—

21 (1) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.—Not later than
22 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
23 Secretary of State shall establish a mandatory require-
24 ment for background investigations of passport acceptance
25 agents.



1 (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM.—Not
2 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
3 Act, the Under Secretary for Management of the Depart-
4 ment of State, acting through the Bureau of Consular Af-
5 fairs of the Department, shall—

6 (A) establish a comprehensive training program
7 for passport acceptance agents that includes instruc-
8 tion and training relating to identification document
9 fraud detection, customer identification authentica-
10 tion, and the penalties for passport fraud by employ-
11 ees, agents, and passport applicants;

12 (B) establish a database that records when
13 passport acceptance agents complete such training;

14 (C) require all newly appointed passport accept-
15 ance agents to complete such training before initial
16 processing of passport applications; and

17 (D) establish a training schedule so that all ex-
18 isting passport acceptance agents have completed
19 such training no later than three years after the
20 date of the establishment of the training program
21 under this paragraph.

22 (c) EXPANDED AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL AGENTS.—
23 Section 203 of the Omnibus Diplomatic and Antiterrorism
24 Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-399; 22 U.S.C. 4823) is
25 amended—



1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking "Special agent
2 positions" and inserting "(a) Special agent positions"; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

4 "(b) In connection with investigations of corruption,
5 waste, fraud, and abuse by officers and employees of the
6 United States Government, including the illegal sale of
7 United States passports and visas and other United States
8 criminal offenses, the Federal District Court for the Dis-
9 trict of Columbia shall have authority to issue warrants
10 with respect to properties within the special maritime and
11 territorial jurisdiction of the United States, as defined
12 under section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code. Special
13 agents under the direction of the Director of the Diplo-
14 matic Security Service shall have authority to execute such
15 warrants."

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
18 necessary, or to reprogram funds otherwise obtained
19 through receipts from the issuance of passports and visas,
20 to carry out this section.

